

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

5 JUNE 2020



Dear Catechists,

The CCD team are filled with joy as restrictions continue to ease across NSW especially the opening of our churches with up to 50 people allowed to partake in Holy Mass.

While our churches are open, our SRE Scripture classes are not. We continue to pray for all students, their families, all school staff and each other. We look forward to SRE Scripture classes starting again when health and safety measures allow. The CCD team will continue to provide further SRE Scripture updates in the coming weeks/months.

Each June, the Church celebrates and honours the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us continue to draw near to His heart that burns with love for each of us.

From your CCD Parish Catechist Support team



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Director's SRE Update

Executive summary

- Catholic SRE classes are not to resume until further notice from CCD
- CCD is finalising return of SRE protocols with the NSW Department of Education
- CCD will recommend return of SRE procedures to clergy and parish SRE Catechist Coordinators in due course

Covid-19 risk management

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and the NSW Department of Education share a common desire to protect the health of children, their families, teachers, community volunteers, including parish clergy and catechists who provide co-curricula SRE classes in schools.

IMPORTANT: Managing school requests for SRE to resume

If any public schools in your parish contact you with a view to resuming SRE classes, please contact your area CCD Faith Education Officer before making any commitment. It is important that pandemic management lines of communication are maintained between our Archdiocese and executive leaders of the NSW Department of Education.

Managed return to schools

Students returned to most NSW public primary schools five days per week in Week 5 of Term 2 (beginning 25 May). Public high school students are scheduled to return five days per week during Weeks 6 and 7. This aligns with Phase 3 of the NSW Department of Education Managed Return to Schools Guidelines.

Return of Catholic SRE classes

Catholic SRE classes will not resume in schools during this current Term 2, which ends on 3 July. Catholic SRE classes will resume after Phase 4 is implemented legitimately (wherein schools will be fully operational). As an indication only, Catholic SRE classes are more likely to be able to resume during Term 4 (12 Oct-18 Dec); however, it is possible that Phase 4 may be announced during Term 3 (20 July-25 Sept), which could see public schools make requests of their local Catholic parishes for SRE classes to resume.

Next steps

CCD will supply parish clergy and Catechist Coordinators with return of SRE procedures in due course. These procedures will refer to NSW Health and Education requirements and personal health management regarding Catechists who are SRE teachers.

Catholic SRE Learning at Home lessons

As agreed with the NSW Department of Education, online SRE curriculum support material has been made available to public school families. Parents/caregivers have been advised of the availability of online SRE resources via local school newsletters and websites. Please note: the use of interactive online media, such as, Google Classrooms, Skype or Zoom are not available to SRE teachers. Catholic SRE online lessons are available to view on the CCD's NSW CCRESS webpage: <https://www.ccress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>

*"The Lord bless
you and keep
you: The Lord
make his face to
shine upon you,
and be gracious
to you: The Lord
lift up his
countenance
upon you, and
give you peace."*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

A Beautiful Testimony...

Why am I a catechist?

By David Kelson-Mickelburgh, Catechist Co-ordinator

Saint Jerome's parish, Punchbowl

In 2000, I was employed in a nursing home working afternoon and night shifts. On the way home I would attend Mass. At Mass one day, I was asked to read and from that day onwards, I continued as a reader for the next 2 years. Other than going to Mass, I had no real involvement in the Parish.

The parish is St Jerome's Punchbowl where I got to know the parish priest and became friends with him. Then one day in 2002, he asked if I would help him to start a youth club within the parish because of my 22 years' experience as a Scout Leader and Commissioner with the Scout Association.

However, the formation of the club did not happen. As it turned out, a catechist named Veronica needed some help as her class numbers had increased. I decided to help and see what being a catechist was all about. Well, I became hooked and found that working in a school environment is certainly different from working outside putting up tents and tying ropes.

I continued to be Veronica's helper and completed training to become a catechist. At the end of my first year I was asked to go to Punchbowl Primary (2003) to teach Years 5/6. When our co-ordinator resigned Father asked me to take on the role.

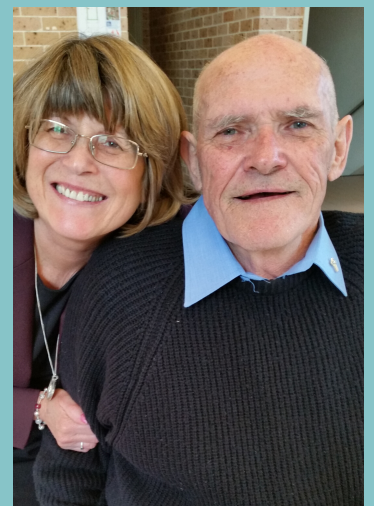
To this day, I continue being a catechist as I have found that the students are hungry for the word of God. It is uplifting and inspiring to see the students' faces light up and filled with wonder and awe when they learn something new about the Lord. This encourages me to keep going. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I am able to plan different ways to make the lessons interesting, especially using storytelling (which is new for me). The older students retain what they learn and I find that rewarding. I am disappointed for the students and myself when I am unable to attend classes. However, I feel a sense of pride and joy when I see the students happy and eager to get to class to learn the faith.

Being a catechist is all about sharing the faith not only with the students but also with the parish catechists. The faith and support from the CCD team and Faith Education Officers, have helped me tremendously over the years to carry out my duties as a catechist and co-ordinator.

Being a catechist has really given me a greater purpose to my life!

*"The LORD had
his heart set
on you and
chose you ..."*

DEUTERONOMY 7:7



**Suzanne Miceli, CCD FEO,
with David after a Catechist
training meeting.**

Good News Stories

The light of Christ continues to break through the darkness of Covid-19 with wonderful testimonies of His action. Here are some examples:

- The Covid-19 curve has flattened across Australia.
- From Monday 1 June, a maximum of 50 people are now allowed to attend church at any given time for private prayer, confession or Mass with recommended guidelines.
- Catechist coordinators have been printing and delivering the CCD E-Newsletter to those catechists without email access.
- Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Fairfield and St Michael's Parish, Hurstville are hosting drive-thru confessions.
- St Patrick's Parish, Sutherland, is live streaming Mass on Sundays at 8 am. While parishioners have been unable to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion, there is great joy seeing Fr Dan McCaughan celebrating Mass in the parish church.
- Over 100 catechists have participated in the CCD's Faith Formation series via ZOOM.

**If you have any good news stories, we'd love to hear from you at
office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au**

Catechist Connection

A note from Yvonne McDonell, Catechist, St Patrick's Parish, Sutherland:

This week when restrictions were lifted slightly, my friend, who assists me in a catechist class, came to our home with her husband. We watched our parish Mass via YouTube together and afterwards, we had bacon and egg rolls for breakfast. My son remarked that this is like the early Christians gathering together in their homes.

A note from Elizabeth Gooley, Catechist Coordinator, Regina Coeli Parish, Beverly Hills:

This certainly has been a difficult and different period for us all. However, I also believe that this time away from attending Mass and receiving Jesus sacramentally and the time away from taking our classes has its blessings. It's been an opportunity to see God more fully in the people in our lives, both now and in the past; to see Him in the beauty of creation surrounding us every day; to think about and pray for our children in our scripture class; to realise again that simple is just as special as elaborate.

*"The light
shines in the
darkness, and
the darkness has
not overcome it."*

JOHN 1:15

CCD Faith Formation via ZOOM

The CCD is hosting an online faith formation series via ZOOM.

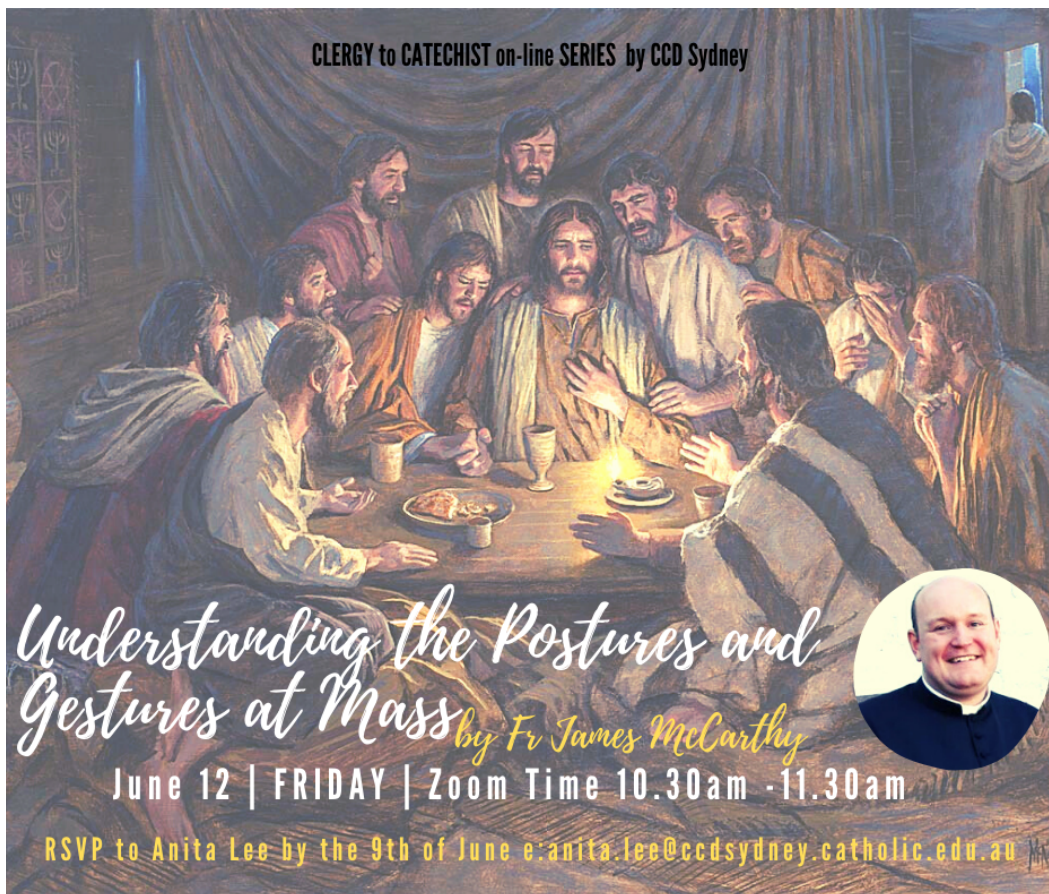
Priests from across the Archdiocese of Sydney will be presenting on various faith topics with an opportunity for Q & A's.

Upon registration, each participant will receive a ZOOM ID to enter the webinar.

Due to screen capacity there will be limited places.

"Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him."

ISAIAH 30:18




CLERGY to CATECHIST on-line SERIES by CCD Sydney

Understanding the Postures and Gestures at Mass by Fr James McCarthy

June 12 | FRIDAY | Zoom Time 10.30am - 11.30am

RSVP to Anita Lee by the 9th of June e: anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au



Register your RSVP by 9 June to:

anita.lee@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

CCD Online Training: Level One

A reminder to all newly joined catechists/helpers in 2019/2020

Level One Accreditation Course.

Catechists/helpers are encouraged to take advantage of this time of social distancing to complete training that is available online.

CCD's online training modules consists of videos and readings followed by questions to check understanding. Catechists/helpers can work at their own pace. Progress is automatically saved if a break is needed. Level One online modules available are:

- Child Protection
- The SRE Teacher in the Parish and School
- Development of the Child and Adolescent
- Introduction to the Bible
- Classroom Skills- Questioning
- Classroom Skills - Behaviour Management

**To enrol into our CCD online training, please contact:
office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au**

CCD ZOOM Webinars

Level 3 course dates via ZOOM (Open to those who have completed Level 2)

Wednesday 17 June Unit 3.2 (RSVP 9 June)

Wednesday 24 June Unit 3.3 (RSVP 16 June)

Wednesday 1 July Unit 3.4 (RSVP 23 June)

Wednesday 8 July Unit 3.5 (RSVP 30 June)

ALL COURSES COMMENCE 9:45am and FINISH 1pm.

CCD ZOOM Webinar Review:

"Your course was well organised and a great learning experience."

For expressions of interest and registration for ZOOM Webinars, contact CCD Office at: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

Please note: RSVP is essential ensuring work books are mailed on time.

"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love."

EPHESIANS 3:16-17

Corpus Christi

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJjW3LXuZo>



The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated in the Catholic Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. However, in Australia, it is transferred to the Sunday. It will be celebrated on Sunday 14 June 2020. The feast was instituted to honour the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

St Anthony of Padua - 13 June

St Anthony is one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church. His feast day is celebrated on June 13. He is a Franciscan priest from the 13th century, a teacher and preacher extraordinaire. He travelled extensively across Italy and France, preaching to sometimes 30,000 people, encouraging them to fully live the Christian faith. His knowledge was unmistakable, but his holiness is what really impressed people. He is the patron saint of lost items, the poor and those who cannot read or write - yet! - so makes a good patron saint for our young school students!

Prayer Intentions

Whilst this is not an exhaustive list, please continue to pray for:

- Your Catholic SRE students and their families especially during the day/time of your Scripture/SRE class.
- Pope Francis, Archbishop Anthony Fisher and all clergy.
- Godly wisdom for our Prime Minister and State Leaders.
- Protection for all front line staff; doctors, nurses, paramedics, medical receptionists, dentists and teachers.
- A cure to be found quickly for Covid-19.
- Healing of all people suffering with Covid-19 and their loved ones.
- Thanksgiving for all God is doing and will do during this time.

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

JOHN 6:51

Sacred Heart Devotions



“I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment.”

— Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

“On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, “If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”

JOHN 7:37-38

How to complete the First Friday's Devotion

- Receive Holy Communion on each First Friday.
- The nine Fridays must be consecutive.
- They must be made in honour and in reparation to His Sacred Heart.

Twelve promises of Jesus to those who honour His Sacred Heart

- I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- I will establish peace in their homes.
- I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
- I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

Novena to the Sacred Heart



"My divine Heart is so passionate with love for mankind and for you in particular and it can no longer contain within itself the flames of its burning charity ; so you must be the means to spread those flames in order to touch and enrich mankind with its precious treasures, which I reveal to you. Jesus to Margaret Mary. He showed me the inesplicable marvels of His pure love and the extent to which He has loved mankind."

JESUS TO ST MARGARET MARY

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated this year on Friday 19 June 2020. It is a tradition in the Church to commence a novena on the traditional Feast of Corpus Christi (Thursday after Trinity Sunday - Thursday 11 June, 2020). leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of (name your request here). Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory Be . . . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of (name your request here). Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory Be . . . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of _____ (name your request here). Our Father . . . Hail Mary . . . Glory Be . . . Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours. Hail Holy Queen . . . St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us. Amen.

"But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he tells the truth—that you also may believe."

JOHN 19:34-35

Cooking with Carmen

Carmen Vella, Catechist Coordinator at Our Lady of Victories, Horsley Park shares her favourite chocolate gluten free cake recipe. It's easy to make, impressive to look at and delicious to eat.

Ingredients

- 150 g butter
- 150 g dark chocolate
- 5 large eggs (separated)
- 150 g castor sugar
- 150 g almond meal

Ganache

- 150 g dark chocolate (50-60%)
- 1/3 cup pouring cream

Method

1. Grease and line 23 cm cake tin.
2. Preheat oven to 180 °C.
3. In a double saucepan melt chocolate and butter.
4. Using a mixer, beat the egg yolks with sugar until pale and thick (about 8 mins.)
5. Fold in almond meal and melted chocolate mixture.
6. Beat egg whites till firm peaks form then fold gently into mixture.
7. Pour into prepared tin and bake 40-50 minutes until the cake pulls away from the edge of the pan.
8. Stand at room temperature for 1 hour, then refrigerate overnight.
9. **For the Ganache:** melt the chocolate in a double saucepan mixing in cream.
10. Pour over cake. Serves 10-12.

Carmen's tips:

1. For large family gatherings, use 30 cm cake tin and double ingredients.
2. Icing sugar and berries can be used instead of ganache.
3. Cook day before the occasion, as it's fudgy and requires 12 hours of refrigeration.



"May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions."

PSALM 20:5

Contact Us

CCD Staff continue to work through this difficult time by working remotely. For all queries, staff can be contacted via email. Phone access to staff is still available, however please leave a message if your call is not answered immediately. We will return your call as soon as practical.

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*"Sing for joy,
O heavens, and
exult, O earth;
break forth,
O mountains,
into singing! For
the Lord has
comforted his
people, and will
have compassion
on his suffering
ones."*

ISAIAH 49:13